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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" As regards the electoral roll for the University constituency, may I ask whether the Government have any intention of having the roll revised with a view to include men and women who will become qualified owing to the postponement of the elections but who would not be qualified if the elections had been held in due course ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice of the question."

Preparation of electoral rolls for the election of M.L.C's. and M.L.A's. in this Presidency.

* 88 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my token motion in connexion with the budget grant for elections on 16th March 1929 (L.C.P. XLVIII-297), will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps have been taken for the preparation of up-to-date, full and correct electoral rolls for the election of M.L.C's. and M.L.A's. in this Presidency ?

A.—The procedure laid down in the Electoral Rules and Regulations has been followed in the revision of the electoral rolls. The Government have impressed on all Registration Officers the importance of seeing that the rolls are as complete as possible and that all persons appearing to be entitled to be registered as electors are included in them.

The attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the circulars issued by the Government from time to time on the subject which have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* (notification cited in the margin).

* (i) Notification No. 33 on page 961 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st May 1929.
(ii) Notification No. 37 on page 1010 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 28th May 1929.
(iii) Notification No. 38, dated 27th May 1929, in the Supplement to the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th June 1929.
(iv) Notification No. 58, dated 22nd July 1929, on page 1394 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 23rd July 1929.

Interference of Government servants in elections.

* 89 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued definitely to all officials under Government and under local bodies not to interfere in the ensuing elections ;

(*b*) whether Government have instructed their own officers not to transfer their subordinates with a view to help candidates of particular parties ; and

(*c*) whether the instructions issued by the Government will be laid on the table of this House ?

A.—(*a*) Such instructions were issued before previous elections and the issue of similar instructions before the next election will be considered when the date of that election has been decided.

(*b*) & (*c*) See the answer to clause (*a*).

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the instructions suggested in clause (*b*) of my question were issued last time and whether such instructions are proposed to be issued this time also ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."